



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee
Minutes

September 1, 2010

10:00 a.m.

570 East Woodrow Wilson Blvd, Jackson, MS

Members Present

- **William "Pete" Avara, MD**
 - **Rodney Frothingham, MD**
 - **Brett Cone (for H.S. McMillan)**
 - **Rick Carlton, MD**
 - **Doug Higginbotham**
 - **Clyde Deschamp, PhD, NREMT-P**
 - **Wade Spruill**
 - **Amber Kyle, RN**
 - **Josh Wenzel, NREMT-P**
 - **Tony McCallum**
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Agenda

- **Call to Order/Acceptance of Minutes**
 - Meeting called to order by Dr. Avara at 10:09 a.m.
 - Introduction of new members by Dr. Norman Miller: Mr. Wade Spruill, CEO of AAA Ambulance, Hattiesburg, and Mr. Tony McCallum, EMS Director, Southaven FD.
 - Motion to approve Minutes of June 15, 2010 meeting made by Dr. Deschamp, seconded by Dr. Avara. Motion passed.
 - **Rules and Regulations Sub-committee Update**
 - Ms. Kyle reported that the Burn Task Force had completed the draft of Chapter 14 and had submitted it for approval to the Rules and Regulations Sub-committee. The R&R Sub-committee met on August 19, 2010 and approved the draft for submittal to MTAC. Dr. Miller addressed the various sections in the chapter where there were dissenting opinions, particularly the qualifications for the Burn Center Director and Burn Center Program Manager (Nurse Manager). One change was made to the Burn Center Director's duties. Motion made by Mr. Spruill, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, to approve draft as amended and forward to Board of Health for adoption. Motion passed with one dissenting vote.
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- Chapter 13 is another chapter under re-write. This chapter addresses pediatric trauma care. Ms. Kyle requested guidance from MTAC before the next scheduled meeting of the Pediatric Task Force (October 29) regarding direction of pediatric trauma program. MTAC decided to keep current levels of pediatric trauma care (primary, secondary, tertiary). Mr. Spruill recommended that the Mississippi Hospital Association conduct a poll of its member hospitals to determine which hospitals are providing in-patient pediatric trauma care; Mr. Higginbotham will contact MHA.
 - Ms. Kyle addressed the requirement to set a standard pediatric age. Motion made by Ms. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Spruill, to define pediatric patients as fifteen (15) years old and younger. Motion passed.

- **Functionality Sub-Committee Update**

- Dr. Carlton reported that the sub-committee met in conjunction with the Rules and Regs Sub-committee on August 19, 2010.
- The sub-committee discussed the expansion of trauma center designations from Level I –IV to Level I-V. Due to the complexity of this issue, the sub-committee recommends forming a task force to look at this topic in detail. Mr. Spruill volunteered to be on the task force; Dr. Carlton will contact other members for participation.
- Another topic was the need to standardize trauma activation criteria across the regions. Some regions use Alpha/Bravo, while others use Level I/II. Additionally, some regions allow EMS to call activations from the field. Dr. Carlton will be contacting members to participate in a task force for this topic.
- There was discussion of Physician Extender/Mid-Level Provider training. Currently, physicians have ATLS and nurses have TNCC as required training, but Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners do not have any required training. Ms. Kyle reported that Pas and NPs can now participate in ATLS, or they can take Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses (ATCN). MTAC elected to defer this topic to the Strategic Planning Conference, and have a poll of all hospitals conducted to determine the number of Mid-Level Providers that staff emergency rooms.
- The Sub-committee recommended that the Level IV E&D chart be changed to allow physicians take ATLS once every 10 years, vice the requirement of maintaining currency in ATLS (once every 4 years). This was also deferred to the Strategic Planning Conference.

- **State PI Committee Update**

- Dr. John Porter reported that the State PI Committee last met on August 16, 2010. The State PI Plan Task Force presented the first draft of the state PI Plan, comprised of an Introduction/Overview, and individual chapters covering state-level, region-level, hospital, and pre-hospital PI activities. The plan was accepted by the PI committee, and the Task Force has been charged with developing appendices which will further define the PI indicators each organization will collect and review.
 - The next scheduled meeting of the State PI Committee is January 10, 2011.
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- **State Trauma Registry Update**

- Ms. Carrie McFarland reported that all data submissions were current and there was only one (1) delinquency; a letter has been sent to the hospital's administrator.
- DI is ready to configure Collector with the AIS2005 version for the update after the one scheduled for October 2010. There is going to be an added substantial cost to integrate the TriCode 2005 and no funds were budgeted; the Trauma Registry Committee voted to move to AIS2005 and get TriCode later. Users can still use TriCode with 98 and before, just not 2005.

- **MTAC Strategic Planning Conference**

- Ms. Lydia Frazier presented information on the Strategic Planning Conference. The meeting will be held October 12-13, 2010 at the Pearl River Resort, in Philadelphia, MS. The tentative agenda is to arrive at noon on Tuesday, October 12, convene the meeting at 1:00 pm, have a working dinner, and adjourn at 8:00 pm. The conference will reconvene at 8:00 am on Wednesday, October 13, and will adjourn at 12:00 pm. The meeting will focus on long range vision/goals/objectives in a non-structured, non-public setting.
- There are 25 confirmed attendees from MTAC, the Mississippi Association of Trauma Administrators (MATA), MSDH staff, and other interested parties.

- **Delta TCR update**

- Dr. Miller reported that the region has appointed a new Board of Directors, with hospital CEOs participating as Board members. Officers have been elected, and an interim regional administrator has been hired. Horne CPA firm has been contracted to perform an audit of the region's finances, and the region is meeting to complete the TCTF application review, and the Pre-Assessment Survey review.
- Mr. McCallum, who represents the Delta TCR on MTAC, confirmed that there is a greater level of interest in the region, allow communication between the region and the facilities is still problematic.

- **Injury Prevention**

- Ms. Kyle introduced Dr. Rick Boyte and Lynn Evans of UMMC. Dr. Boyte and Ms. Evans discussed the need for injury prevention legislation, particularly concerning ATV use by children. Ms. Amy Radican-Wald, of the Center for Mississippi Health Policy, and Ms. Lee Jenkins, Executive Director of the Brian Injury Association of Mississippi, also offered additional information on the need for ATV legislation, particularly helmet laws.
- Motion made by Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Mr. McCallum that MTAC supports any legislation that will reduce injuries in children, especially ATV helmet legislation. Motion passed.

- **Open discussion**

- Dr. Miller reported that Le Bonheur Children's Hospital had submitted patient information for July 2009 to June 2010. This was a requirement set by MTAC that Le Bonheur submit at least one year of data to determine patient count. Le Bonheur treated 276 patients injured in the State of Mississippi during the period.
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- Four Level IV hospitals have been re-designated since the last meeting:
 - Tippah County Hospital, Ripley, MS
 - Covington County Hospital, Collins, MS
 - HC Watkins Memorial Hospital, Quitman, MS
 - Lawrence County Hospital, Monticello, MS
 - The Central TCR has made a request to the Department to allow the region greater input in determining the appropriate levels of participation by hospitals within the respective region. No action taken on this request; regional and system design will be discussed during the Strategic Planning Conference.
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- **Adjournment-Next Meeting scheduled for December 6, 2010**
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